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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (mailed March 8, 2002) indicating that the drawing sheet as filed did not have appropriate margins, Applicant encloses a corrected drawing sheet whose margins are believed to be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.84.

Additional numbering of the amino acid sequences has been added to the corrected drawing. These additions do not constitute new matter. Amino acid numbering was already present in the original drawing (e.g., 1, 61, 121, etc). Applicant has simply made the numbering more frequent (e.g., 20, 40, 60, 80, 100, 120, etc.), i.e., every twenty amino acids (as well as alternating asterisks every twenty amino acids), to make it easier to read the sequence and determine amino acid position. The new numbering would thus be considered inherent by the skilled worker and supported by the original disclosure. See, e.g., In re Wertheim, 541 F.2d 257, 191 USPO 90 (CCPA 1976); M.P.E.P. §2163.05 (8th Edition).

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this response, however, if a fee is deemed necessary, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 501761.

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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

A copy of this notice <u>MUST</u> be returned with the reply.

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